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John Hoeven
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Lowell & Marlys Prince
Prairie Vista Bed and Breakfast
101 Rural Avenue SW, Box 211
Regent, ND 58650

Dear Lowell and Marlys:

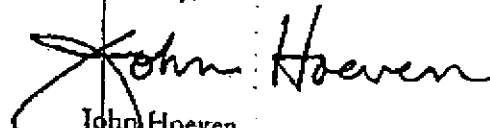
I have had a chance to discuss with the Game and Fish Department your request to move the pheasant season opening day to the first Saturday in October. Absent any extraordinary weather or similar unforeseen circumstances, we will accommodate your request for the 2002 season.

I want to provide you with as much business opportunity as possible while also accommodating the interests of landowners, resident sportsmen and the hospitality industry that enjoys the North Dakota outdoors.

When we move to an earlier season opening, we should adjust other season opening dates to reduce hunter conflicts and reduce stressing accommodations and law enforcement resources. In short, our resident and non resident hunters enjoy staggered season openers so they can participate in each of them during the fall season. We do not want to have all hunters in the field during the same weekend for several season openers.

As we proceed towards this change, I want all state and hospitality publications to have adequate lead-time to accommodate the orderly adjustment to a new opening date.

Sincerely,


John Hoeven
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